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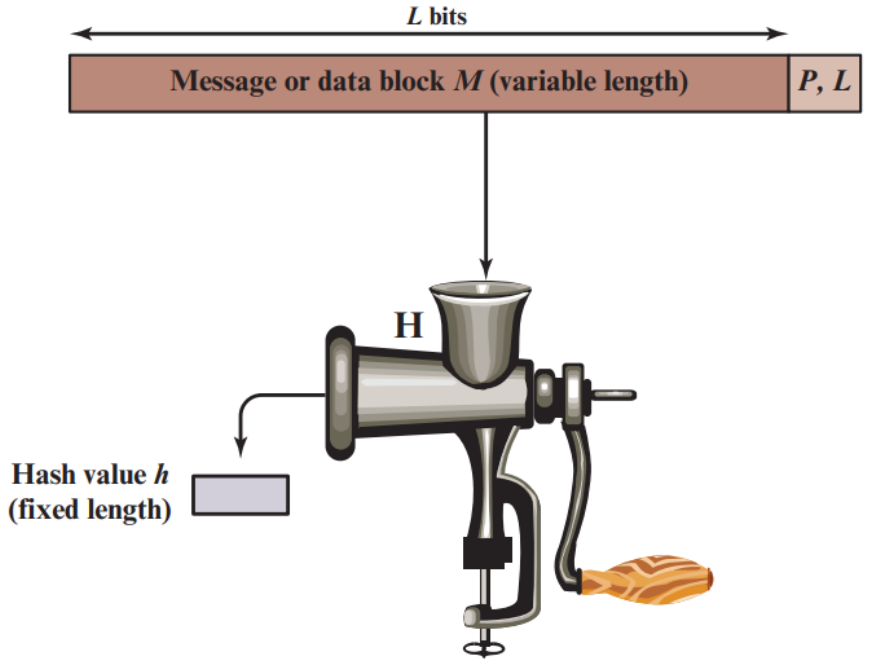
Hash Functions

Hash Function

- A hash function H accepts a variable-length block of data M as input and produces a fixed-size result h = H(M)

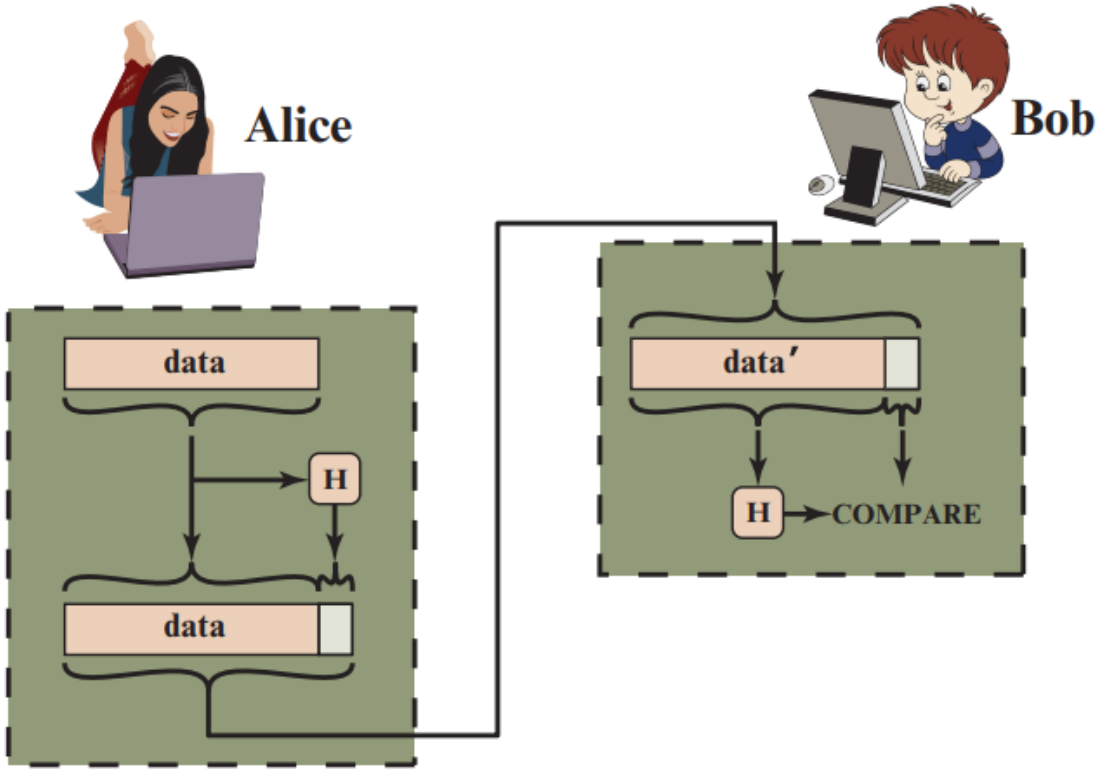


P, L = padding plus length field

Figure 11.1 Cryptographic Hash Function; $h = H(M)$

Applications Of Hash Functions

- Check integrity of message
- Check message not changed in transfer



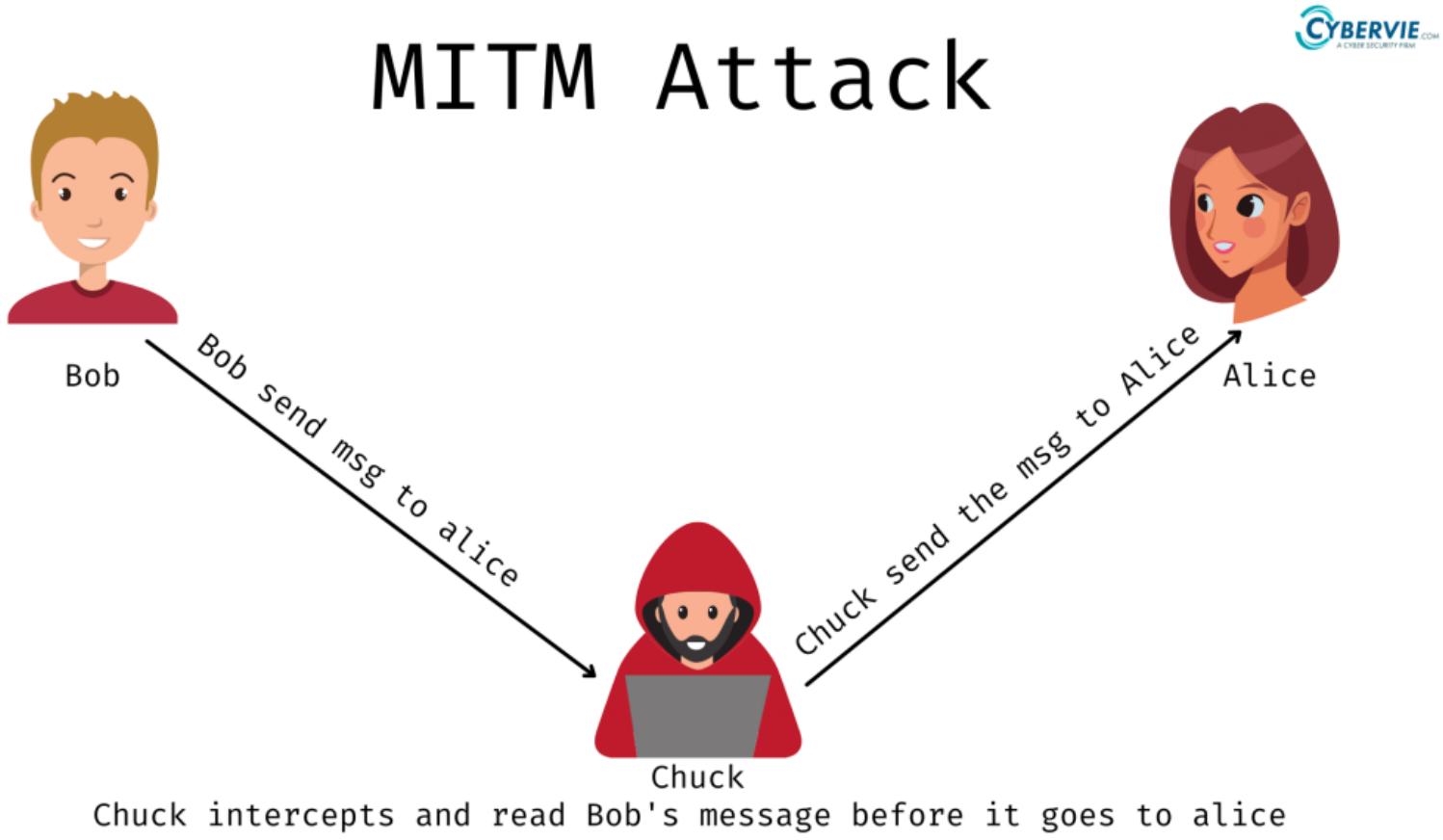
(a) Use of hash function to check data integrity

Sniff

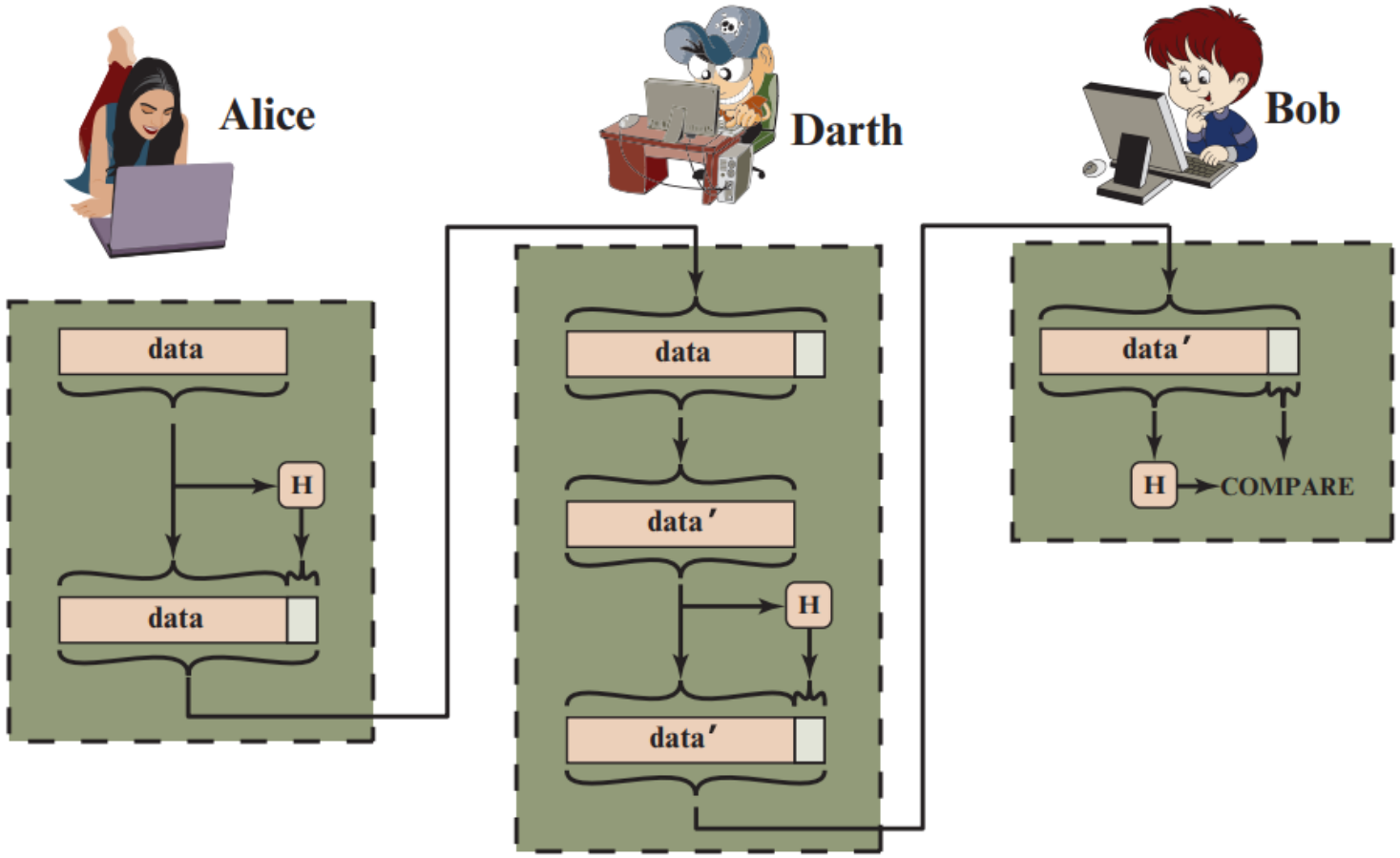
- Just listen to message
- No change!
- It’s a passive attack

Man-in-the-middle attack

- Change the original message
- It’s an active attack



Attack Against Hash Function



(b) Man-in-the-middle attack

Requirements for a Cryptographic Hash Function H

Requirement	Description
Variable input size	H can be applied to a block of data of any size.
Fixed output size	H produces a fixed-length output.
Efficiency	$H(x)$ is relatively easy to compute for any given x, making both hardware and software implementations practical.
Preimage resistant (one-way property)	For any given hash value h, it is computationally infeasible to find y such that $H(y) = h$.
Second preimage resistant (weak collision resistant)	For any given block x, it is computationally infeasible to find $y \neq x$ with $H(y) = H(x)$.
Collision resistant (strong collision resistant)	It is computationally infeasible to find any pair (x, y) with $x \neq y$, such that $H(x) = H(y)$.
Pseudorandomness	Output of H meets standard tests for pseudorandomness.

Secure Hash Algorithm (SHA)

- SHA was developed by NIST - 1993

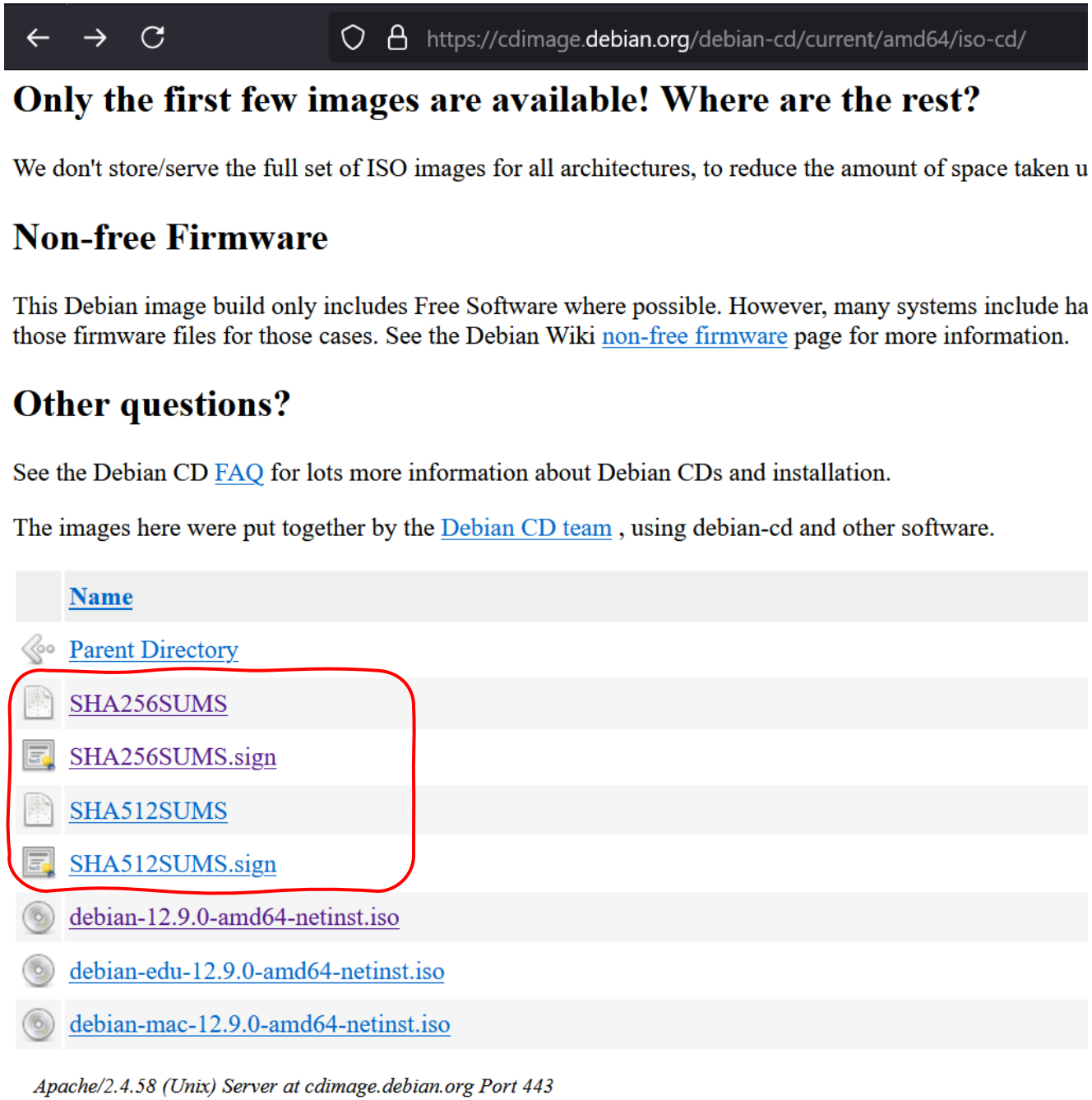
Algorithm	Message Size	Block Size	Word Size	Message Digest Size
SHA-1	$< 2^{64}$	512	32	160
SHA-224	$< 2^{64}$	512	32	224
SHA-256	$< 2^{64}$	512	32	256
SHA-384	$< 2^{128}$	1024	64	384
SHA-512	$< 2^{128}$	1024	64	512
SHA-512/224	$< 2^{128}$	1024	64	224
SHA-512/256	$< 2^{128}$	1024	64	256

Note: All sizes are measured in bits.

Applications Of Hash Functions

- Message authentication is achieved using a message authentication code (MAC).
- File Integrity check.

File integrity check



Message authentication code (MAC)

- A function of the message and a secret key that produces a fixed-length value that serves as the authenticator.

$$\mathrm{MAC} = \mathrm{C}(K, M)$$

where

M = input message
C = MAC function
K = shared secret key
MAC = message authentication code

Message Authentication Code - MAC

- The message plus MAC are transmitted to the intended recipient.
- The recipient performs the same calculation on the received message, using the same secret key, to generate a new MAC.
- The received MAC is compared to the calculated MAC.

MACs BASED ON HASH FUNCTIONS: HMAC

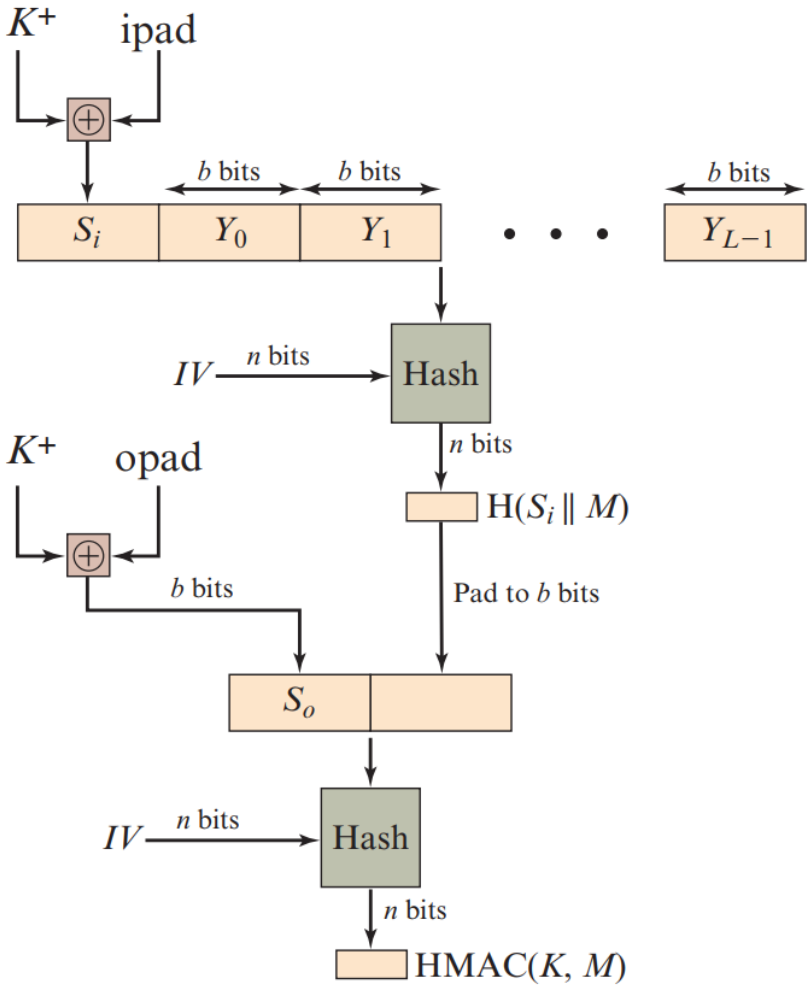


Figure 12.5 HMAC Structure